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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM:  Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.  
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT A  
GENERAL CONTRACT AGREEMENT FROM THE COUNCIL OF STATE AND  
TERRITORIAL EPIDEMIOLOGISTS FOR THE INFLUENZA INCIDENCE  
SURVEILLANCE PROJECT**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on September 7, 2010, to accept future Influenza Incidence Surveillance Project (IISP) awards from the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) through May 31, 2016, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office (CEO), and notification to your Board.

Under this authority, I will accept a General Contract Agreement (GCA) from the CSTE in the amount of \$190,000 for the period of June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013, to support the Department of Public Health's ability to determine and report in real time the locality-specific weekly incidence of influenza-like illness and laboratory confirmed influenza among persons seeking medical care for acute respiratory infections. Tracking the incidence of influenza allows for disease burden comparisons, alerts public health officials of increases beyond the usual seasonal activity, and improves measures of influenza monitoring specificity. The IISP will also test protocols to respond to the needs for increased surveillance during a pandemic, such as timely test result confirmation.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the GCA as to use. County Counsel and the CEO have reviewed and approved this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
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